

behind the successful formation of the Alaska Fishing Industry Relief Mission. This nonprofit corporation moved important equipment all the way from Alaska to Louisiana and Mississippi—including both a 60-ton capacity boat lift and a 30-ton per day ice making machine, both were critically needed to get the gulf coast fishing industry back in play. The formation of the caucus and mission are a lasting testament to Bill's good judgment, hard work, and dedication to intelligently build this Nation's ports and harbors infrastructure and to care for those who depend on them.

I also want to mention that Bill started his career as a broadcaster, general manager, news director, correspondent and producer for radio and television stations in Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. He also served a stint as a Senate press secretary and communications' director for the chairman of the Intelligence Committee during the first Persian Gulf war. He understands how important it is for Congress to communicate its policies to the citizens of America and fully explain why we take the actions that we do.

While I am sorry to lose one of my staff leaders, I am happy that he will be able to more fully enjoy some of his other interests: woodworking, motorcycling, fishing, hunting, his collection of Alaskan and Asian art, and his beloved German shepherd dogs.

I will miss Bill's hard work, vast knowledge, good humor, and sound judgment. It has been a pleasure to have him on my staff. I wish him and his wife Karen the very best and know that Alaskans will benefit for decades to come from his efforts to protect and enhance this Nation's natural and biological resources and the environment.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TADD FUJIKAWA

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to give praise and congratulations to Tadd Fujikawa, a 16-year-old sophomore from Moanalua High School, who on Friday, January 12, made golf history for the State of Hawaii. By shooting a 4-under-par 66 during the second round of the Sony Open at the Waialae Country Club, Tadd became the youngest player in 50 years to make the cut at a PGA tour event.

Tadd demonstrated amazing skill and focus on the course. Despite standing just five feet, one inch tall, his 285-yard drives and accurate iron play propelled him up the tournament leaderboard. In the end, he tied for 20th place, besting some of the world's premier golfers.

Tadd's drive and competitive spirit may be a result of his early struggles as a premature baby. At birth, Tadd weighed less than two pounds and was given a 50 percent chance of survival. He didn't just survive, he flourished.

Last year, at age 15, he became one of the youngest players ever to compete in golf's national championship, the U.S. Open. Also impressive are Tadd's exploits in the sport of judo, where he has won four junior national titles.

I offer my most sincere congratulations, to Tadd Fujikawa, for his exceptional performance in the Sony Open. May he take away from this experience the confidence to do great things, as he has already shown the potential to achieve them. I wish Tadd the best in all that he chooses to undertake in the future.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-445. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Withdrawals of Equity Capital" (RIN3038-AC27) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-446. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Cote d'Ivoire that was declared in Executive Order 13396 of February 7, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-447. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Liberia that was declared in Executive Order 13348 of July 22, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-448. A communication from the Under Secretary and Director, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Facilitate Electronic Filing of Patent Correspondence" (RIN0651-AB92) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-449. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Section 357(c)(1) to Reorganizations" (Rev. Rul. 2007-8) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-450. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 1397E—Allocation of National Limitation for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for Years 2006 and 2007" (Rev. Proc. 2007-18) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-451. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—February 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-9) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-452. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CPI Adjustment for

Section 1274A for 2007" (Rev. Rul. 2007-4) received on January 23, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-453. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program" (RIN0906-AA70) received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-454. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-629, "Protection from Discriminatory Eviction for Victims of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-455. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-628, "Jury Trial Improvements Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-456. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-627, "Commercial Exception Clarification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-457. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-630, "Mandatory Juvenile Public Safety Notification Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-458. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-631, "Criminal Record Sealing Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-459. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-632, "Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-460. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-634, "Closing of Public Alleys in Squares 798, 799, and 824 (S.O. 04-12081) and Dedication and Designation of 2nd Place, S.E., 3rd Place, S.E., L Street, S.E., (S.O. 04-12080), Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-461. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-626, "Property Interest Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-462. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-622, "Longtime Resident Business Definition Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-463. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 16-625, "Placement of Students with Disabilities in Nonpublic Schools Amendment Act of 2006" received on January 24, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.